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SUBJECT: PROTECTION OF AMERICAN LIVES AND PROPERTY IN TURKISH  
CONTROLLED AREAS

1. EMBOFF TELEPHONED TCPA MEMBER OREK'S OFFICE (AND TURKISH EMBASSY) AUG 11, REQUESTING PERMISSION RETRIEVE TWO AMCITS (MR. AND MRS. KUNICZAK) LOCATED IN FINN CAMP OUTSIDE KYRENIA TO COLLECT THEIR POSSITIONS LOCATED IN AYIOS YEORGIOS AND RETURN NICOSIA. WE WERE TOLD NO RPT NO TRAVEL POSSIBLE AUG 11 OR 12; WE WOULD BE INFORMED WHEN BAN LIFTED.

2. ON AUG 13, OFFICIAL IN CHARGE ISSUING PASSES IN OREK'S OFFICE TOLD EMBOFF RULES HAVE CHANGED. AUTHORITIES NOW REQUIRE 24 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE, IN WRITING, GIVING SPECIFIC DETAILS AND REASONS FOR TRAVEL IN TURKISH CONTROLLED AREAS. CONTINUED NONCOMMITTAL ON POSSIBILITY OUR VISITING KARAVAS SITE TO INSPECT DAMAGE AND RECOVER OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS.

3. WE HAVE LODGED STRONG PROTEST WITH TURKISH EMBASSY, POINTING OUT THAT 24 HOUR RULE (PLUS REQUIREMENT FOR SPECIFICS OF TRAVEL) EFFECTIVELY DENIES US ACCESS TO U.S. CITIZENS AND PROPERTY IN TURKISH AREA. WE DO NOT KNOW NEEDS OF OUR PEOPLE UNLESS WE CAN SEE THEM. (THEY HAVE NO RPT NO EFFECTIVE MEANS OF COMMUNI-  
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CATING WITH US) AND WE CANNOT PROTECT PROPERTY IF UNABLE VISIT.

4. WE POINTED OUT TO TURKISH EMBASSY THAT OUR REQUEST VISIT KARAVAS HAS BEEN OUTSTANDING FOR OVER 10 DAYS. DURING THIS PERIOD TURKS HAVE TAKEN JOURNALISTS ON AT LEAST ONE TOUR OF AREA. BELIEVE THEY SHOULD ACCOMMODATE US AS WELL.

5. TURKISH EMBASSY CLAIMED THERE "MUST BE MISUNDERSTANDING," WILL CHECK AND "PUT THINGS RIGHT." WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ANKARA'S FOLLOWING UP WITH FONMIN. RECOGNIZE THERE SPECIAL SITUATION IN WAR ZONE: AND THAT TURKS DO HAVE LEGITIMATE NEED CONTROL TRAFFIC ON ONLY SURFACED ROAD THEY CONTROL BETWEEN NICOSIA AND KYRENIA, BUT THEY IN TURN MUST RECOGNIZE OUR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER OUR OWN REGULATIONS. (FYI: GREEK CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES HAVE ISSUED EMBASSY STAFF WITH PASSES ALLOWING FREE CIRCULATION IN THEIR ZONE IRRESPECTIVE OF CURFEW.)

6. TURK CYPRIOT OFFICIALS, AND TURKISH EMBASSY, APPEAR EMBARRASSED BY UNNECESSARILY RIGID REGULATIONS WHICH CLEARLY COMING FROM MILITARY. BELIEVE ONLY EFFECTIVE MEANS GET THESE RULES RELAXED WILL BE PRESSURE FROM ANKARA.  
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